## International Union of Forest Research Organizations (February 2015)

Peacock Myers, P.C. had a presence at the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) World Congress in Salt Lake City. The IUFRO is a global nonprofit and nongovernmental scientific organization promoting international cooperation in forest-related research. The IUFRO has over 600 member organizations in over 100 countries. This year's Congress had 2,492 participants, over 170 technical posters, and more than 1300 oral presentation in a wide spectrum of fields including silviculture, physiology and genetics, forest management, forest products, forest health, social aspects of forests and forestry, forest environment, and policy and economics. Isaac Estrada, J.D./M.S., one of our Registered Patent Attorneys, focused on current research regarding optimization of woody biomass for bioenergy, genetic and genomic approaches to tree domestication for bioenergy uses, biotechnology for biomass optimization, and technologies for converting biomass into useful products and energy. One of the most innovative subjects discussed involved state of the art techniques for processing cellulose for higher value cellulosic polymers and materials that could substitute for cotton and other fibers, and potentially transform the textile industry. Please contact Isaac Estrada at iestrada@peacocklaw.com, (505) 998-6145, if you wish any further information.